(c) In order to check crime and the threat of terrorism, steps like increasing the number of police personnel, number of vehicles and improvement in the communication system, have been taken. In-tansive checking of hotels and guest houses, frequent raids on hide-outs of criminals, externment proceedings against known criminals, are also undertaken.

Solution of Karnataka-Maharasktra Boundary | Dispute

1116. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRl SURESH KALMADI;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS he pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assured a delegation of SMSS leaders that it would solve the boundary disputes between Karnataka and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what progress has been made so far in (his direction; and

(c) what are the details of the steps proposed to be taken to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): fa) to (c) The Government of India have been of the view that the boundary dispute can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the States concerned and towards this end the Central Government would extend all possible assistance to them. However, the Governmest on their part, are also considering the lines on which initative may be taken to facilitate a solution of the problem.

Foreign Exchange through tourist Traffic

1117. SHRI SURESH KALMADI Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that our earnings of foreign exchange in terms of US. dollars or other international currencies are not going up in proportion to the increase recorded in tourist traffic;

(b) if so, the details of the study made, if any, in this regard by the Department; and

(c) what are the proposals considered for increasing the foreign exchange earnings *vis-a-vis* the increased tourist traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI IAG-DISH TYTLER): (a) As the exchange rates keep fluctuating the estimates of foreign exchange earnings from tourism normally worked out in terms of rupees. The comparative statement of tourist arrivals and foreign exchange earnings given below, shows that with increase in tourist traffic during the previous three years, the foreign exchange earnings have also been going up.

Year	Foreign Tourist Arrivals (incl. Nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh		Foreign exchange earnings	
	Number	%change	(Rs crores)	%change
1984-85	1152,701		1300	
1985-86				12-3
1986-87	1329,781	150.4		21.9
			1460 (P)	
	1461,910	9.9		
			1780 (P)	